

In the name of God Amen I Amos Amyett son of the County of Jones and State of North Carolina being weak and sick of body and well stricken in years but of perfect sound mind and memory blessed be God for the same and taking in consideration the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make publick and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows First of all I commit and commend my soul to God who gave it me and my body to the earth to be decently buried in a Christian like hereinafter named pay all funeral expenses out of any money or business that may first come into his or their hands as a part or parcel of my estate and as to what worldly goods

= Item 1st I give and bequeath to my son John Amyett now a resident if living of the State of Mississippi the sum of One dollar which together with sundry advancements made to him hitherto will make the portion intended him of my estate, to him his heirs and assigns forever

= Item 2nd I give devise and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Andrews a certain piece or tract of land situate lying and being as follows beginning at James L. Harrison's corner and my own and runs thence to another of my corner to the upper end of Piney Green to a lightwood stake a corner of my own and John L. Andrews corner and runs with the road out to the main or public Road, with the conditions that the right of a roadway shall be allowed through said land to the public Road to her, her heirs and assigns forever

= Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my Daughter Clarissa Amyett a certain piece or tract of land embracing and including the premises whereon I now live Beginning at the swamp at the water hole and to run to the straight fence and ditch up to the woods with privilege of timber sufficient to fence it and keep in good repair and the right of roadway to and from the same as may be desired which will include the dwellings & other houses on the premises and which line is to run around and back to the water hole before mentioned, to her her heirs during her natural life

= Item 4th I give and devise to my sons George Amyett and Amos Amyett Son all the rest and residue of my lands beginning at the river which said tract of land lies on Sweet River and adjoining the lands of H. P. Ward, John L. Andrews, Adoniah Mc Daniel and others to be equally divided between them as near as ^{practicable} but to be so divided that my son George is to have the part on which he now lives including dwelling, out houses &c to them their heirs and assigns forever

= Item 5th I give and devise unto my son Amos Amyett Son after the death of my daughter Clarissa Amyett all that tract or parcel of land devised in item third to my said son being the tract where I now live or the homestead to him his heirs and assigns forever subject to the foregoing conditions limitations and restrictions

= Item 6th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Clarissa Amyett one Bed, Bedstead and furniture her choice, Also one cow and calf or yearling her choice and one years provisions also one sow and pigs if any pigs and if none, then one sow her choice

= Item 7th the lands and tenements mentioned in the foregoing bequests have heretofore been mortgaged to John Oliver for the sum of Six Hundred dollars, which mortgage is still unsettled and the said John Oliver holds said lands by virtue of said mortgage and the devises and bequests of the foregoing lands and premises is made, subject to said mortgage and I direct that my executor or executors shall apply the proceeds of the sale of my personal property to the cancelling of said mortgage if there should be enough to satisfy the same and all lawful interests due on said debt

= Item 8th I direct that my executor or executors hereinafter named shall sell all the personal property belonging to my estate not herein bequeathed at public vendue by giving legal notice and that the proceeds of said sale be applied to the discharge and cancelling of the mortgage held by John Oliver so far as the same is applicable or the proceeds of sale will allow

Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my trusty friend Thunifold N. Simmons my executor to this my last will and testament hereby revoking any & all other Wills

by me heretofore made.

Signed sealed and acknowledged by the testator, who at his request and in our presence signed the same himself and requested us to subscribe our names as witnesses thereto this the second day of February AD One thousand eight hundred and sixty three 1863

In presence of

Benjamin Ashew }
 Ambrose D. Harrison }
 Rachael S. Harrison }

Amos Amoyett 

Southern County Court March Term AD 1864

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Amos Amoyett deceased is exhibited for probate in open court by Sumner & Simmons the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Amos Amoyett is proved by the oath and examination of Benjamin Ashew one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said Amos Amoyett and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed And thereupon the said Sumner & Simmons executor as aforesaid duly qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law

Attest Benjamin Ashew clk cc

In the name of God Amen

I Joseph S. Oliver of the County of Jones State of North Carolina being of sound and disposing mind & memory but knowing the uncertainty of life do make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last Will & testament

Item first I will and direct that my executor hereinafter named shall as soon as may be convenient pay all my just debts and funeral expenses

Item second I give and devise unto my beloved mother Penelope B. Oliver and to her heirs & assigns in fee simple forever a portion of the land devised to me by my father John Oliver in his last will & testament lying & being in the County of Jones on the North side of the Road from Pollocksville to Trenton and bounded on one side by the Great River on another by the lands of Jemmy Simmons & William Hard on another by the public Road from Pollocksville to Trenton and on the other by the Mill Race It is further more my will and desire that my Executor should sell all the balance of my land wherever situated for cash or upon credit at public or private sale and distribute and divide the proceeds of sale as follows viz One third to Sumner & Simmons. One third to the children of my sister Elizabeth P. by her first husband Charles B. To viz Claudius, James C. Lema and Charles and one third to the children of Harriet B. Villet my sister viz Samuel O. & John Villet which third I give in fee simple

Item third I give and bequeath unto my beloved mother Penelope B. Oliver for and during her natural life my slave Mlick and after her death to Sumner & Simmons in fee absolutely I also give devise and bequeath to my mother Penelope B. Oliver her executor administrator and assigns One half of all my other negro slaves The valuation of each one with a view to arrive at the half of their joint value in the division to be made by at least three disinterested parties and I will and direct that my Executor shall have the remaining half of my negro slaves valued and divided into three parts according to value and I give and bequeath one third of said half to Sumner & Simmons. One third to the children of my sister Elizabeth P. by her first husband Charles B. To viz Claudius, James C. Lema & Charles B. to them in fee simple